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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage comprising:

an extract of maca; [[and]]

a distilled liquor mainly made from fermented muscat grapes, and

a spirit containing an extract of rose hip,

wherein the distilled liquor contains 1 to 400 ppm of acetic acid with respect to the amount of pure alcohol contained therein, and wherein the maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage has a decreased odor of the maca extract.

Claim 2. (Original): The maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage according to claim 1, wherein 1 part by weight of the extract of maca in terms of solid matter is contained in 0.5 to 1,000 parts by weight of the distilled liquor.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented): The maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage according to claim 1, further comprising fruit juice.

Claim 4. (Original): The maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage according to claim 3, wherein the fruit juice is one selected from the group consisting of lemon juice, grapefruit juice, and lime juice.

Claims 5-6. (Canceled).

Claim 7. (Previously Presented): The maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage according to claim 1, wherein the extract of maca is obtained by adding an ethanol-containing aqueous solution to pulverized maca to carry out extraction at 20 to 75°C.

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Claim 8. (Previously Presented): The maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage according to claim 1, which is a carbonated beverage.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended): A method for decreasing an odor of extract of maca eontained in a maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage, the method comprising [[using]] adding to an extract of maca (a) a distilled liquor mainly made from fermented muscat grapes as a base alcohol to which an extract of maca is to be added, and (b) a spirit containing an extract of rose hip, wherein the odor of the alcoholic beverage comes from the maca extract, and wherein the distilled liquor contains 1 to 400 ppm of acetic acid with respect to the amount of pure alcohol contained therein.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented): The method for decreasing an odor of extract of maca contained in a maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage according to claim 9, wherein the alcoholic beverage comprises fruit juice.

Claim 11. (Original): The method for decreasing an odor of extract of maca contained in a maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage according to claim 10, wherein the fruit juice is one selected from the group consisting of lemon juice, grapefruit juice, and lime juice.

Claims 12-13. (Canceled).

Claim 14. (Previously Presented): The method for decreasing an odor of extract of maca contained in a maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage according to claim 9, wherein the alcoholic beverage is a carbonated beverage.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended): A method for manufacturing a maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage, the method comprising: preparing adding to an extract of maca (a) a distilled liquor mainly made from fermented muscat grapes and containing 1 to 400 ppm of acetic acid with respect to the amount of pure alcohol contained therein; and allowing the distilled liquor to contain an extract of maca (b) a spirit containing an extract of rose hip, wherein the maca extract-containing alcoholic beverage has a decreased odor of the maca extract.